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Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld.

UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 07/926,116

FILED: 7 AUG 1992

INVENTOR: PAUL M. DUNN

TITLE: CLOSED CYCLE BRAYTON PROPULSION SYS. W/DIRECT HEAT TRANSFER

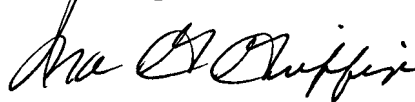
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Current secrecy order expiration date is 17 FEB 2000.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the order be renewed.

Sincerely,



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By direction of
Chief of Naval Research